

## State Library Report January 2016

### Activities / Accomplishments

The State Library funds the Digital Heritage Center (DigitalNC.org) at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill which was recognized by two genealogical groups. The North Carolina Genealogical Society presented the Center with an award for "Excellence in Web Presence for a freely accessible website promoting North Carolina Genealogy." Center staff were delighted to attend the Society's annual luncheon and award ceremony. The nomination, which came from one of the Center's long-time partners, praised both the structure and ease-of-use of the site as well as the variety and extent of the materials shared there.

<http://www.ncgenealogy.org/menu-awards/642-2015-ncgs-awards-winners>

In addition, Family Tree Magazine recognized DigitalNC.org as one of its "Best Websites for US State Genealogy Research." It, along with the website of the State Archives of North Carolina, is one of only two sites listed for North Carolina.

<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/article/2015-best-state-genealogy-websites>

The State Library and State Archives are celebrating the Centennial anniversary of the State Park system along with the North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation. Historic state parks documents have been digitized and added to <http://ncgovdocs.org>. The State Archives has worked with the State Parks to add a new collection to the NC Digital Collections of historical State Parks materials at <http://digital.ncdcr.gov/cdm/home/collections/nc-state-parks/>. NCpedia, managed by the Government & Heritage Library, released a series of articles on North Carolina State Parks at <http://ncpedia.org/exploring-state-parks>. Kelly Agan also developed an interactive timeline of North Carolina State Parks at <http://ncpedia.org/north-carolina-state-parks-history-timeline>. State Library (Kelly Agan) and State Archives (Kim Andersen) staff also contributed research and resources that contributed to a documentary that aired on UNC-TV about the State Parks system titled, "Saving the Best." Information about the documentary may be found at: <http://www.ncparks.gov/100/saving-the-best> and it may be viewed online at <http://player.pbs.org/viralplayer/2365652565>.

Rebecca Hyman and Kay Tillotson presented a session titled, "Finding your African American Ancestors" during the African American Cultural Celebration at the NC Museum of History on Saturday, January 30. They, in addition to Kelly Agan, also exhibited on behalf of the State Library at the celebration. The Museum's celebration drew almost 7500 people.

Rebecca Pigg, a library student from NCCU, began an internship with the Digital Team at the Government & Heritage Library. She will be working on digitizing materials and adding them to the NC Digital Collections this semester. Rachel Roos, a family history student at Brigham Young University, began an internship with the Reference Team at the Government & Heritage Library. She will be working on creating resources to help family history researchers trace their Native American ancestors.

### New State Publications

There were 324 digital state publications added to the NC State Publications collection from the Department of Insurance, Department of Environmental Quality and other state agencies. There were 57 items added to the paper NC State Publications collection.

**Interesting questions and comments:**

A person who was researching a 1954 murder was appreciative of Carla Morris, who located a newspaper account of the event for her. Comment: *Carla--- I really appreciate all your help in finding this article for me! You are great at what you do!*

Comment from a visitor from Virginia: *I waited 30 years to get here and I was very impressed with your library, all of the staff was exceptionally helpful. Kay was one of the nicest ladies I have ever met. All the staff was awesome!!*

Library Development offered 6 workshops on LibGuides Version 2 to help libraries migrate to Version 2 and take advantage of ongoing technical support.

New Director Orientation - Sandra Silvey, new director for the Brown Memorial Library in Washington, NC, received an on-site orientation to the services of the State Library from Molly Westmoreland, her liaison consultant, on January 29. Sandra received instruction on the statutory basis for public libraries in NC, State Aid eligibility requirements, the LSTA grant application process, deadlines for reporting and more. The on-site orientation is part of a director training program that includes a 2-day event for new library directors at the State Library covering the services of the Government and Heritage Library, and the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, as well as additional topics based on new director responses to a training needs assessment.

Intensive Customer Service Training - Molly Westmoreland provided Intensive Customer Service training to 22 staff members of the Charlotte/Mecklenburg Public Library on January 14, 2016. Offering this training is a collaborative effort with Kelly Brannock, Continuing Education Consultant for the State Library. The goal is to involve one or more of NC's experiential trainers in each training event with the ultimate goal of transferring responsibility for Intensive Customer Service Training to those trainers. Evaluations for this training scored an average of 9.5 out of 10.

Raye Oldham, Federal Programs Consultant, submitted the 2014-2015 Final Report to the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Henderson County Public Library became the 23<sup>rd</sup> public library system in the state to join the Cardinal library consortium. Their "Go Live" date was Thursday, January 28. Cardinal libraries share resources across the state through using a single online catalog of materials.

**GHL Blog stats**

1,624 sessions, 2,427 page views and 1,450 unique sessions.

Top new blog posts:

Digital Collections: New Additions, Part I (226 views) posted on 1/14/2016 <http://wp.me/p17ckJ-4Bi>

North Carolina State Parks Centennial Collection: New Resources in NCpedia (157 views) posted on 1/27/2016, <http://wp.me/p17ckJ-4DG>

NCpedia: Reaching Milestones and Listening to Viewers (101 views) posted on 1/13/2016 <http://wp.me/p17ckJ-4Cj>

**LD Blog**

1,535 sessions, 4,203 page views, 1,204 users

